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SUBJ: ARAB PARLIAMENTARY UNION PRESIDENT REPLIES TO LETTER  
OF 76 SENATORS

PRESIDENT OF ARAB PARLIAMENTARY UNION (AND ALSO SYRIAN  
PEOPLE'S COUNCIL) MUHAMMAD ALI AL-HALABI HAS SENT MESSAGE  
DATED MAY 31 TO U.S. SENATE C/O NELSON ROCKEFELLER,  
PRESIDENT OF SENATE, "REPLYING" TO LETTER OF 76 SENATORS  
TO PRESIDENT FORD. MESSAGE NOTES THAT AT TIME OF  
IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH MIDDLE  
EAST PEACE AND ARAB EFFORT TO "OVERLOOK PAST RELATIONS  
WITH U.S. AND SEEK POSITIVELY TO ESTABLISH EQUITABLE  
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RELATIONS THAT SERVE INTERESTS OF BOTH ARAB AND AMERICAN

PEOPLES," 76 SENATORS HAVE SENT MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT  
FORD IN SUPPORT OF MORE U.S. AID TO ISRAEL. MESSAGE  
LEFT ARABS "SURPRISED, REGRETFUL AND PUZZLED" AT  
NON-EVENHANDEDNESS OF STATEMENT WHICH, IF IMPLEMENTED,  
WOULD CAUSE "MORE DESTRUCTION, MASSACRES AND DISPERSION  
OF OUR PEOPLE, BY AMERICAN WEAPONS AND ECONOMIC AND  
POLITICAL SUPPORT."

2. HALABI REITERATES THAT "WE SHALL NOT GIVE UP  
STRUGGLE TO REGAIN OUR RIGHTS, NOR SHALL WE DEVIATE  
FROM ENDEAVORS TO MAKE PEACE BASED ON JUSTICE, FAIRNESS  
AND IMPLEMENTATION OF UN RESOLUTIONS." HE STATES THAT  
STRENGTHENING OF ISRAEL WILL ONLY LEAD TO GREATER  
ISRAELI INFLEXIBILITY.

3. HALABI CONCLUDES MESSAGE WITH STATEMENT OF APPRECIATION  
FOR SENATORS WHO DID NOT SIGN LETTER.

4. COMMENT: HALABI'S MESSAGE WAS GIVEN FULL PUBLICITY  
IN SYRIAN MEDIA. EMBASSY POUCHING ENGLISH AND ARABIC  
COPIES TO DEPT (NEA/ARN).

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